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1. (currently amended) Method A method of operating a device for ~~controlling or monitoring controller (30) to control a production and/or packaging an~~ installation for the production and/or packaging of cigarettes, ~~and cigars and the like,~~ the controller (30) [-] being located on a communication medium, namely a bus (33), the controller (13) comprising an interface (34) ~~to be connected to the communication~~ medium bus (33), a main memory (36) for the storage of a control program (31) and ~~also means for executing the control program (31), characterized in that the method~~ comprising the steps of:

a) storing configuration data (40) are stored in a removeable memory module (39) in such that, when the controller (30) is restarted, the configuration data (40) are read out;

b) and in that, by using the configuration data (40), an access accessing to a remote memory (32) using the configuration data (40) which can be reached via the b. is (33) communication medium is made;

c) which comprises a transfer transferring the configuration data (40) stored in the memory remote memory (32) to the controller (30) of data stored in the remote memory (32);

d) executing an installation program (42), stored in the main memory (36) of the controller (30) when the controller (30) is restarted, wherein the execution of the installation program (42) comprises using the configuration data (40) to access the remote memory (32) via the bus (33);

e) transferring a copy of the control program (31), stored in the remote memory (32) into the main memory (36) of the controller (30); and

f) overwriting a previous reference to calling the installation program (42) by a current reference to calling the control program (31) during the transfer of the copy of the control program (31) into the main memory (36) of the controller (30).

2. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that the configuration data (40) comprise a unique address of the controller (30) on the communication medium, and in that, further comprising~~ configuring the interface (34) with a unique address for the controller (30) on the bus (33) when the controller (30) is restarted, the interface (34) is configured with the address.

3. (cancelled).

4. (cancelled).

5. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 3 1, ~~characterized in that, wherein the installation program (42) in the main memory (36) of the controller (30) is overwritten during the transfer of the copy of the control program (31) into the main memory (36) of the controller (30), the installation program (42) in the~~ main memory (36) is overwritten.

6. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 3 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the configuration data (40) comprise memory location data with regard to a memory location of the copy of the control program (31), ~~in particular~~ with regard to the memory location of a last copy of the control program (31).

7. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 6, ~~characterized in that the transfer of wherein~~ the copy of the control program (31) is transferred into the main memory (36) of the controller (30) ~~is carried out by using the~~ memory location data from the last memory location.

8. (currently amend) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, further comprising comparing the machine data and machines codes read in from the control program (30) when the controller (30) is restarted, before or with the start of the control program (31), characterized in that wherein the configuration data (40) comprise machine data with regard to a machine for which executing the control program (31) is provided, and that, when the controller (30) is restarted, before or with the start of the control program (31), a comparison is made between the machine data and machines codes read in from the controlled or monitored production or packaging installation, and in that wherein the control program (31) is executed only when the machine codes match the machine data.

9. (currently amended) ~~Device~~ A controller (30) for controlling or monitoring a production and/or packaging an installation for the production ~~of~~ and packaging of cigarettes, and cigars and the like ~~— a controller (30) —~~, comprising a main memory (36) for storing, in which a control program (31) can be stored, a device means for executing the control program (31), and an interface (34) for connection connected to a communication medium, in particular a bus (33), characterized in that wherein configuration data (40), which can be is read out and evaluated when the controller (30) is restarted, the configuration data (40) are is stored in a removeable memory module (39), and the removable memory module (39) being fixed at an installation is installed at a location of the controller (30) such that it the removable memory module (39) can move.

10. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method according to Claim 4 1, characterized in that, wherein during the transfer of the copy of the control program (31) into the main memory (36) of the controller (30), the installation program (42) in the main memory (36) is overwritten.